



High Holiday Classes with Rabbi Angel

The Gates Are Closing Wednesday, September 14, 7 pm

The Gates Are Closing, a dramatic play by Merle Feldof, is a work of great religious insight and nuance. The play introduces us to a minyan of Jews on erev yontif, spanning a wide range of ages, backgrounds and professions, as they grapple with issues of identity, meaning, loyalty, betrayal, repentance and forgiveness on the most somber of days. *The Gates Are Closing* had its first staged reading at the Jewish Repertory Theatre in May 1986 has since been presented in over 200 synagogues and college campuses around the world. Join us for a reading and discussion led by Rabbi Angel. Free.

Rabbi Zusya of Hanipol and The Essence of T'shuva Wednesday, September 21, 7 pm

Rabbi Zuysa, a disciple of Dov Baer the Maggid of Mezhibezh, was an early Chasidic leader who died in 1800. Many folk legends tell of Zuysa's wandering with his brother Elimelech of Lyzhansk and depict Zuysa as a simple, modest and benevolent man who despite his meager knowledge of Torah attained merit because of his righteousness. Join Rabbi Angel as we study Zuysa texts and explore the essence of T'shuva through this Chasid's eyes. Free.



High Holidays 5766!!

Please join us for inspiring and uplifting services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. CSZ members will receive tickets in the mail automatically in early September. Members wishing to bring their children to the ticketed services must

request special children's tickets from the office. And why not bring some friends? Order tickets for your guests by September 19.

We're looking forward to starting the New Year together!

Schedule of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services

All services are held at the Herbst Theater, 401 Van Ness at McAllister, unless otherwise noted:

ROSH HASHANAH

Monday, October 3, 2005

7:30 pm Ma'ariv (ticket required)

Tuesday, October 4, 2005

9:30 am Shacharit and Musaf

2 pm Tashlich picnic – *Crissy Field*

3 pm Tashlich service –
Crissy Field

Wednesday, October 5, 2005

9:30 am Shacharit and Musaf –
Sha'ar Zahav, 290 Dolores St.

YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday, October 12, 2005

7:30 pm Kol Nidre (ticket required)

Thursday, October 13, 2005

9:30 am Shacharit and Musaf

3:30 pm Mincha

4:30 pm Reading of Names

5:45 pm Yizkor and Neilah
(ticket required)

And Even More High Holiday Spiritual Connections

Selichot Study and Service Saturday, October 1, 8 pm

For centuries, Jews have gathered in their synagogues on the Saturday evening near Rosh Hashanah in order to prepare for the sacred season of self-scrutiny and renewal. Selichot means "forgiveness." Our Selichot study session will begin at 8 pm with havdalah, marking the end of Shabbat and will continue with a moving service. Explore High Holiday musical and religious themes as they touch our emotions and move us toward self-examination and new resolutions. This hour of worship is one of the most inspiring of the year. For more information call 415/861-6932 or email programs@shaarzahav.org.

Kever Avot v'Imahot Sunday, October 9, 10:30 am

The High Holidays is a period for recalling the lasting influence of loved ones and friends upon our lives. Jewish tradition teaches us that we are to honor our dead with special moments of memorial and by living lives that reflect their highest aspirations. It is customary to visit the graves of those who enriched us with their care, counsel and love. At the grave, memorial prayers, including the Kaddish, are recited. We will meet at the Hills of Eternity Cemetery in Colma at 10:30 am for a brief service and a light brunch. With Rabbi Camille Shira Angel and Paul Cohen.

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Rosh Hashanah

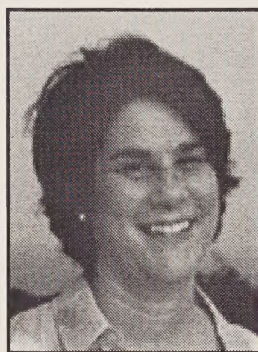
Two thousand years ago in a seaside resort town called Caesarea, Rabbi Abbahu instituted the following order for the blowing of the shofar: a simple note, three broken notes, a weeping note, and a simple note [Rosh Hashanah 34a]. The shofar is a symbol of hope that what was once broken can become whole again. The sounds of the shofar begin with the *tekiah* – a strong loud note. It is followed by *shevarim*, three broken notes, and then *teruah*, a complete shattering, nine staccato tones of wailing. But then the blasts end with *tekiah*, a blast of oneness, of strength. An expression that what was once broken or even shattered can be made whole again, even human souls.

According to Rabbi Isaac Horowitz, the shofar blasts encapsulate the main themes of Rosh Hashanah: We being whole. Along the path of life we become broken through pain, mistakes, loss, failure, illness, and weakness. The end is whole – we will become whole again. For the Eternal Presence gives each of us the gift of hope.

Are we capable of receiving this gift of hope? We live difficult lives. We are buffeted by the winds of tragedy, of sadness, of loss, of disappointment, of terror, of loneliness. We have endured and survived a year in which thousands of human beings have been murdered through genocide in Sudan, in the war in Iraq, in terrorist acts in London, Madrid and Israel and we have to ask is hope even possible in such a world?

The answer from our tradition is a resounding Yes! Not only are we capable of hope but it is anchored in our souls and it is to that anchor that we return on the *Yamim Noraim*. Rosh Hashanah, in its liturgy, in its Torah readings, teaches us how to access the hope that is within us.

Hope pierces our sad hearts and shows us the possibilities far off into the distance. The Talmud, (Avodah Zara 8a), tells us this wonderful midrash about the origins of hope. When the sun set on the sixth day of creation, after God had finished making humankind, Adam saw the sun was becoming smaller and smaller on the horizon and he became very afraid. "Perhaps this is all there is to the world," he thought, "and now God is returning the world to *tohu va vohu*, mixed up nothingness." And with fear and trembling Adam sat up the whole



night waiting to see what would happen next. After several hours Adam saw the orb of the sun begin to reappear on the Eastern horizon and at that moment hope was born.

When we have lost all hope, and weep for the world and refuse to be comforted, God assures us that hope exists. Dr. Jerome Groopman in his book the *Anatomy of Hope* describes hope as the anticipation we feel as we look to the possibility of a better future. Hope acknowledges that there are obstacles and pitfalls before us. Hope looks ahead and announces change is possible. Hope can take us beyond human capabilities and can heal the brokenness within us.

Are we hopeful for the New Year that soon begins? Do we look out at the blank canvas of 5766 and imagine the possibilities? Judaism demands that we envision a future with some degree of hope despite the daily news.

Our hopes for the holy days – a tender brisket, a moist honey cake, some forgiveness between relatives, worthwhile time in shul, a real religious experience. One year ago things were better and worse. No matter how great a year it has been we still approach Rosh Hashanah hoping for something better, for a sweeter year, a year with more love family, a year with more satisfaction and reward. And when the year has been bad, we hope that this year will finally bring blessings – blessings of health, of companionship, of satisfaction, of comfort. That this is the year we cease the wandering of our souls and hopefully find peace.

The poet Emily Dickinson wrote:

*Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul,
And sings the tune without the words,
And never stops at all,*

*And sweetest in the gale is heard;
And sore must be the storm
That could abash the little bird
That kept so many warm.*

*I've heard it in the chilliest land
And on the strangest sea;
Yet, never, in extremity,
It asked a crumb of me.*

Hope has feathers because it lets us fly. Its home is the soul and hope rests in the soul

like a bird on a perch. As the birds never stop singing, our hope is eternal, more sacred than words. Hope is a rare gift, it exists for all of us, all it asks is that we not clip its wings. Hope is the thing with feathers.

As we begin this new year, let us hope that God blesses this new year for us and for all God's people, with life and peace, joy and gladness, deliverance from despair and consolation from grief, a restoration of hope and an uplifting of our souls, and with feathers and wings.

My family joins me in wishing each of you, a sweet new year, L'Shanah Tova,

Camille Shira

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Holiday Fun with Sukkot and Simchat Torah!

Sukkah Building and Brunch
Sunday, October 16, 11 to 1 pm

Eat, build and create! We will gather in the backyards and on the decks of one another's homes to build and decorate sukkot, create our own lulavs, and learn the blessings, traditions and origins of this joyous harvest festival. Brunch is vegetarian potluck, so bring a dish to share, along with your strength, ingenuity and creativity. This event is open to everyone. RSVP to Sue Bojdak (415-861-6932 x302 or educator@shaarzahav.org) by October 7. Or let her know earlier if you would like to host a sukkah-building and brunch.

Sit in a Sukkah!

Communal Sukkot Celebration and Havdallah
Saturday, October 22, 5:30 pm

Join us for meals in a sukkah as we celebrate the time of harvest, our long sojourn in the wilderness and our place in the natural cycle of life. The hosts of the Sukkah Building and Brunch program are extending their hospitality, and have graciously agreed to host simultaneous havdalah potluck meals. Locations and RSVP information to be announced.

Celebrate Sukkot with the Women of CSZ!
Sunday, October 23, 11 am

It's a feminist potluck Sukkot gathering! We will share in traditional, feminist and woman-centered Sukkot rituals and talk about ways to restart our congregation's Women's Chavurah. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share and your interest in getting to know the women of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav. Location to be announced. For additional information or to help create this event, please contact Abi Weissman (abiweissman@gmail.com).

Simchat Torah Celebration
Monday, October 24, 7 pm

Revel in the joy of the Torah! We'll read the end of D'varim, the last book of the Torah, and start all over and the beginning of Bereshit, the first book. Then we pick up that Torah and Dance! Dance! Dance! Join us for this extra festive service and celebration (and food, too!).

Yeah, it's on a Monday night – not the usual time for partying. But, hey, it's the TORAH we're celebrating here!

I ♥ CSZ! Congregation Sha'ar Zahav's Annual Open House

Saturday, September 10, 7 pm

Meet prospective members and let them know why you love CSZ! We want lots of members there, so we can show off our vibrant and diverse community. And remember, this is a great time to introduce friends to CSZ. Join us for havdallah, "The Shul Dating Game" and food and fun. For more information or to help with this event, contact Karen Schiller at kschiller@igc.org.

Come to Shabbat Dinner

Friday, September 16, 6:30 pm

(Special First Year Membership Celebration) &

Friday, October 7, 6:30 pm

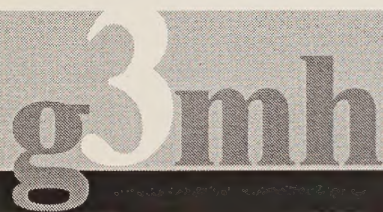
(A return to our regular "First Friday")

Join us for a potluck Shabbat dinner before services every month. Our usual "First Friday" gathering gets moved to the Third Friday in September, and we extend an extra special invitation to people celebrating their first year of membership at CSZ. In October we return to the regular "First Friday" schedule. Everyone is welcome to eat, schmooze and get to know more people in the CSZ community. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share at the Shabbat table in the Oneg room. Sponsored by the Keshet Committee.

Cruise the Castro Street Fair with CSZ!

Sunday, October 2, 11 - 6 pm

CSZ will have a table at the Castro Street Fair in order to introduce fair goers to our wonderful shul. We need folks to staff the table for an hour or two. If you can help, email Ilana Drummond at ijdsmd@pacbell.net with the times you're available. Not only will you help your synagogue, you'll also have a chance to see everyone at the fair!



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Children and Family Corner



Baby Chavurah

Sunday, September 11, 10 - noon

Sunday, October 9, 10 - noon

Baby Havurah provides a monthly opportunity for the under 2 set to get together and bond with their future bnei mitzvah class while their parents share tips and trials. Please join us at Sha'ar Zahav for a potluck brunch. Bring your babies and a dish to pass. Older siblings welcome.

Tot Shabbat

Stay Tuned for Fall Dates!

Come celebrate Shabbat with your tot. Bring your 2 to 5 year olds for singing, prayer, challah-making, arts, and movement. Younger siblings and nonmembers are welcome. Get on our tot email list by contacting Sue Bojdak (educator@shaarzahav.org).

Family Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, September 23, 6:30 pm

Friday, October 21, 6:30 pm

Meet, eat, sing and celebrate Shabbat with CSZ families, then stay for Friday night services. Families and children of all ages are welcome. Dinner is vegetarian potluck. Bring family and friends plus a dish to share. No RSVP is required.

Beit Sefer Phyllis Mintzer Classes Begin September 7.

Back-to-School Night

Monday, September 26, 7 - 8:30 pm

An opportunity to learn more about Beit Sefer Phyllis Mintzer, ask your questions and share your ideas. Plus, meet your children's teachers and study and schmooze with other parents. Please RSVP for childcare by Wednesday, September 21.

Welcome to new Beit Sefer Staff Members:

Nili Yosha, Kehillah and Hebrew Dalet Teacher and
Amy Fornari, Kadimah Co-teacher.

Beit Sefer Phyllis Mintzer

Dedication

Saturday, September 10, 11:30 am

In loving memory of our friend and teacher, we are re-naming our religious school Beit Sefer Phyllis Mintzer, the Phyllis Mintzer School. Please join us for a special celebration and remembrance as we honor Phyllis' legacy and commit ourselves to continuing her work.

Celebration of Learning and Consecration of New Students

October 29, 11 am

Join Beit Sefer Phyllis Mintzer students as they share the gleanings of their first unit of the year, Holiness. Welcome our new Beit Sefer students into our community of scholars as we offer them the blessing of a lifetime of sweet learning while we begin again our annual Torah cycle.

On Being Holy

Beit Sefer students begin their studies this year with a unit of *Kedusha*, Holiness. "You shall be holy, for I, your God, am holy." (Leviticus 19:2) We will be working to find our inner holiness and see if we can make some sense out of what that has to do with God. To do that, the kids will study ideas about God, create blessings, explore the healing properties of prayer and look at the ways in which we manifest holiness in our bodies. Perhaps by the end, we will all be a little holier or maybe just a little better at recognizing holiness, or even God, when we see it, in ourselves and in others

Mark Your Calendars!

A Big Year for CSZ.

Bnei Mitzvah 5766 List

Benjamin Bernard-Herman	11/5/05
Allison Schaffer	11/19/05
Zach Ruylemeyer	12/17/05
Yonah Levy	12/31/05
Reuben Raff	1/7/06
Desmond Bernstein	2/18/06
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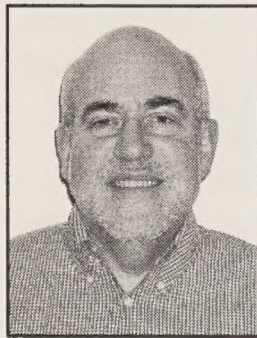


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From the President

Renaming Our School



The month of Elul, which begins this year on September fifth, is a time for introspection and preparation for the High Holidays.

It is a time to think intensely about the meaning of the year that is coming to a close and about our goals and aspirations for the coming year. We can engage in this process individually and also from the perspective of community. On the sixth of Elul, which is Saturday, September 10, there will be two events at Sha'ar Zahav that should be an important part of our communal preparation for the coming year.

The first event will take place on the morning of September 10, when as part of a special Shabbat morning service, we will rename our religious school in memory of Phyllis Mintzer. I cannot improve upon the words about Phyllis that have already been written by others:

Phyllis was a master teacher and beloved friend. She believed that every person and every word contained sparks of holiness, and was always patient in finding them in the most unlikely places. Her students were of every age, young and old, Jewish and non-Jewish, from many different cultures and backgrounds; Phyllis embraced each one. She was a mentor and model, a mensch and a tzaddikah. Throughout a teaching career that spanned more than 60 years, Phyllis's commitment to Jewish learning, community and practice touched and inspired countless students. Her spirit will live on as we learn, pray and build community with one another at Beit Sefer Phyllis Mintzer, the Phyllis Mintzer School.

It is impossible to think about the past year for our congregation without thinking about our community's loss. On September 10, we can both honor Phyllis's memory and also consider our aspirations for Beit Sefer Phyllis Mintzer in the coming years. Let us dedicate ourselves to ensuring that our school thrives and grows, and that it is always worthy of the name we have bestowed up on it.

The second event on September 10 that I want to make sure you know about is that evening from 7-9 pm, when we will have our congregation's Annual Open House. This is an important time to welcome those who are considering joining Sha'ar Zahav and to

help them to learn more about the many facets of our dynamic congregation. Elul is a good time for us to reflect as a community about how well we are doing at the essential mitzvah of "welcoming the stranger." To whom have we opened our arms? How easy do we make it for newcomers to find community here at Sha'ar Zahav? How will we manifest our resolve to be an even more welcoming community in the coming year?

And for our members, if Elul gets you thinking about building a stronger relationship to Judaism and Sha'ar Zahav in the coming year, coming to the Open House is an excellent way to get started. Come and help us welcome those who are just beginning their relationship with us, and at the same time, strengthen your own connection to Sha'ar Zahav. Join us for havdalah, and for an evening that will be fun, haimish and inspiring. You will likely learn some new things about your synagogue.

And lastly, since this is the last issue of the JGF before High Holidays, let me take a moment to offer some wishes: I hope that 5766 is a year in which all those who need our congregation are able to find us. And I hope that in coming together, those who are new and those who have been our strength for many years, our community grows even stronger and we move closer to a world repaired. And let me wish to all of you and your loved ones a year of sweetness and peace.

L'shana tovah.



Robin, Shira and Reuben Zellman (CSZ member)



Robin Leonard, past president of Sha'ar Zahav, was ordained as a rabbi and partner Shira was ordained as a Cantor. Both attended HUC-JIR, with Shira in the School of Sacred Music.

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WZO Elections – Support the Reform Movement

Did you know that Prime Minister Ariel Sharon asked the Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA) to officially endorse his candidate to the Chair of the Jewish Agency for Israel when his own party Likud tried to subvert Sharon's proposal? After a personal call to Rabbi Eric Yoffie, the president of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), the efforts of ARZA's members in the Agency's plenary led to the election of Zev Bielsky, mayor of the city of Rana'ana, this past summer.

The Jewish Agency provides social services in Israel, works with immigrants and offers education and religious programs to Jews throughout the world. It is a partnership among the Israeli government, diaspora fundraising leaders and representatives of grass-roots Jewish organizations throughout the world as selected in the World Zionist Congress elections. Our movement has done well in the past election because we have substantial representation in the agency.

We need to maintain or enlarge that representation and our voice in the Zionist Congress.

The registration process for the next election to the World Zionist Congress has begun; please visit ARZA's dedicated website www.votereformjudaism.com to become informed about issues facing our movement in Israel and the importance of our participation in this election.

During the coming months we will keep you informed about the critical issues and urge you to register yourself and all over 18 years-of-age members of your household to vote.

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September



1	Matthew Levine
1	Vincent Williams
2	Jeff Friedman
2	Margaret Crow Rosenfeld
2	Jonathan Crosby
2	Kelly Cytron
2	Harry Bernholz
3	Nancy Halloran
6	Cynthia Navarro
7	Alvin Baum
7	Richard Brand
8	Ellen Press
9	Edward Lopatin
9	Rachel Field
10	Ellen Berger
10	Norman Abramson
11	Lawrence Helman
11	Lele Field
11	Rose-Anne Donner Colt
11	Scott Adler
11	Jeffrey Adler
11	Jeffrey Levin
12	Nicole Bloom
13	Jonathan Kaplan
13	Eva Rosenbaum
13	Steven Schumacher
14	Kipp Leyser
15	Mark Oliver
19	Robert Tat
19	Rebecca Goldfader
20	Dorothy Querido
20	Rachel Timoner
20	Elizabeth Katz
20	Mark Klaiman
22	Sulmi Rubenstein-Markiewicz
22	Raena Frohlich
22	Charles Fineberg
24	Mark Leno
26	Sophie Rinkoff-Murland
28	Daphne Stuart
28	James Frazin
28	Arthur Cohen
29	Carol Dawson Rose
29	Judith Wolfe
30	Ryan Jones
30	Eric Zigas

October

1	Beth Rubenstein
2	Sharyn Saslafsky
3	Miriam Heath Katz
4	Mark Mackler
5	Grace Hunt-Kassoff
5	Benjamin Bernard-Herman

5	Howard Steiermann
5	Tony Enriquez
6	Jenni Olson
7	Michael Zimmerman
7	David Wasserman
8	Kate Adler
9	Phern Hunt
9	Mike Bromberg
9	Stephen Hauptman
10	Susan Shalit
11	Michael Toth
12	Jeffrey Lilly
12	Beth Sousa
13	David Gellman
13	Anna Desmond Bernstein
13	Shai Garcia-Goldberg
14	Michael Bettinger
15	Tsipora Prochovnick
16	Anna Schwartz-Cohen
16	Richard Meyerson
16	Anna Schwartz-Cohen
18	Robert Daroff
18	Frances Stevens
18	Steven Horowitz
19	Lisa Lubchansky
20	Donald Berger
23	Roberta Achtenberg
23	Ma'ayan Lieberman
24	Jacob Wirtschafter
24	Rachel MacLachlan

25	Judith Cohen
25	Francine Frohlich
25	David Kaiser
25	Alison Austin
26	Clarissa Kripke
26	Ilana Bernstein
26	Mary Anne Ruyle
26	Sue Swigart
28	Yoel Kahn
28	Ilana Rainero-de Haan
29	Allan Berenstein
30	Helen Bruno

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June 3/4

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June 17/18

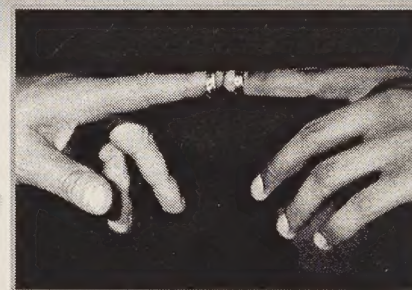
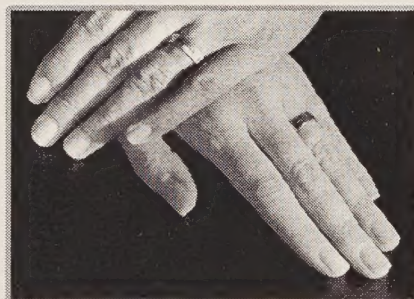
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grandfather, Chaim Szer.

Saturday oneg sponsored by
Annie Winters in honor of Reuben
on the bimah and in honor of
Cecile and David Winter's move
to San Francisco.

July 22/23

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of their 52nd anniversary.

Friday oneg sponsored by
Jonathan Funk in honor of
John Arnold on the occasion of
their 21st anniversary.

Naches

Al and Jessie Austin on the
occasion of their wedding.

Ed Jones and Eddie Reynolds on the
occasion of their wedding.

Shelli and Marty Rawlings-Fein on the
birth of their daughter, Sarah Viola
(Sadie) Rawlings-Fein.

Carolyn Pines on her new position
teaching 3rd grade General Studies
and 6th and 7th grade Language Arts
at Oakland Hebrew Day School.

Lonnie Weiss on moving into her new
home.

Michael Chertok on becoming a Visiting
Scholar at Stanford University next
year. He will be researching applica-
tions of information technology for
international economic development
in their Digital Vision Program.

Marianne Balin on her new position at
Kaiser Permanente as a Community
Benefit Manager.

Barbara Braasch and Sharon Snyder
on the occasion of their engagement.

Robert Bernardo on being elected
President of the Gay Asian Pacific
Alliance (GAPA) Board of Directors,
where he will serve a one-year term
of office.

Tamhas Griffith on his entry into the
Covenant.

Anniversaries

September

- 4 Deborah Udin and
Lucy Cefalu
- 4 Alan Michels and Laureen Kim
- 7 Jeanette Nichols and Daryl Goldman
- 9 Andrew Schwartz and
John Mark Eggerton
- 13 Sara and Devra Felder Noily
- 18 Julie Dorf and Jenni Olson
- 30 Susan Unger and Pamela Erwin

October

- 1 Michael Sporn and Mark Gorman
- 1 Brian Ellis and Steven Farmer
- 5 Avi Goldberg and William Garcia
- 10 Lisa Inman and Alisa Gilden
- 11 Ellen Murland and Barbara Rinkoff
- 20 Hilary Zaid and Lauren Augusta
- 20 Felicia Park-Rogers and
Rachel Timoner
- 23 Steven Gaynes and Richard
Bolingbroter
- 26 Martin and Shelli Rawlings-Fein
- 27 Diana Buchbinder and
Jeane Redsecker
- 28 William Goldstein and
Christopher Archuleta



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New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to
announce that our congregation gained the
following new members this month. A
warm welcome to the most recent people
to join our family:

Bill Stewart

Bob Rothman

Susan Spott

Sara Gorr, Emmet (7) and Bria (5)

Joe Ramirez-Forcier

We are grateful to see our congregation
grow. It is up to all of us to help our new
members feel welcome as they become
active participants in our community.

Condolences

The MacLachlan Family, on the death
of their friend, Elana Adolphus.

Eric Johansson, on the death of his
cousin, Charles Goodwin.

Sharyn Saslafsky, on the death of her
cousin, Bryan Yeshion Schneps.

Bill Jones, on the death of his friend,
William Oliver.

Jonathan Zingman, on the death of his
mother, Barbara Zingman.

Michael Bettinger, on the death of his
aunt, Shirley Artin.

Yahrzeits

September

- 1 John Golebowski
- 5 Bernard Pechter
- 15 David Pierce
- 18 Penny Dachinger
- 19 Gershon Lieberman
- 22 Drew Siegel
- 25 Jeffrey Lewis Cohen

October

- 6 Jeffrey Miller
- 8 Duane Kearns Puryear
- 8 Frank Hyman
- 13 Clint Bigglestone
- 17 Harvey Levine
- 18 Henry Mautner
- 21 Rabbi Ben Marcus
- 24 Glenn Murray Miller
- 29 Michael Mohr

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Av 28	2 29	3 30
<p>November/December Deadline: Tuesday, October 2, 5pm Articles Please submit your articles as a Word attachment via email to: pruc@sbcglobal.net. <i>No late submissions will be accepted.</i></p>						
<p>Advertising To place a display or classified ad, call the office.</p>						
4 <i>Elul 1</i>	5	6	7	8	9	10
6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	Labor Day Office closed 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	4 pm Beit Sefer 5 pm Homeless dinner at Most Holy Redeemer 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	7:30 pm Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Angel and Benjamin Bernard- Herman	9 am Torah Study 10 am Shabbat Services led by Rabbi Angel and Zach Ruylemeyer
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
10 am Baby Chavurah 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	4 pm Beit Sefer 5 pm Homeless dinner at Most Holy Redeemer 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service 7 pm High Holiday Class with Rabbi Angel	6:30 pm Va'ad 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Keshet Connection Potluck and First-year Membership Celebration 7:30 pm Shabbat Services led by Kabbalat Shabbat Ensemble	9 am Torah Study 9:30 am Beit Sefer 10 am Shabbat Services 11:30 am Dedication of Beit Sefer Phyllis Mintzer 7 pm Open House for Prospective Members
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service 6:30 pm SFOP Citywide Meeting 7 pm CEB Committee	6 pm SFOP 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	4 pm Beit Sefer 5 pm Homeless dinner at Most Holy Redeemer 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service 7 pm High Holiday Class with Rabbi Angel	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Family Shabbat dinner 7:30 pm Shabbat Services led by Allison Schaffer	9 am Torah Study 9:30 am Beit Sefer 10 am Shabbat Services led by Howard Steiermann and Benjamin Bernard- Herman
25	26	27	28	29	30	
11 am New Member Brunch 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service 7 pm Back-to-School Night	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	4 pm Beit Sefer 5 pm Homeless dinner at Most Holy Redeemer 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service 6:30 pm Ritual Committee Meeting	7:30 pm Shabbat Services led by Rabbi Angel and Zach Ruylemeyer	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <i>Elul 28</i>
						9 am Torah Study 9:30 am Beit Sefer 10 am Shabbat Services 1 pm High Holiday prep 8 pm Selichot Service
2 29	3 <i>Tishri 1</i>	4 2	5 3	6 4	7 5	8 6
High Holiday Prep 11 am CSZ at the Castro Street Fair	8 am High Holiday Prep 3 pm Office closed 7:30 pm Rosh Hashanah Evening Service- Herbst Theater	Rosh Hashanah Office closed 9:30 am Rosh Hashanah Services - Herbst Theater	No Beit Sefer Office closed 9:30 am Rosh Hashanah Services - CSZ 5 pm Homeless dinner at Most Holy Redeemer	Tzom Gedaliah 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm First Friday Shabbat Potluck Dinner 8:15 pm Shabbat Service led by Daniel Chesir	9 am Torah Study 9:30 am Beit Sefer 10 am Shabbat Services led by Rabbi Angel
9 7	10 8	11 9	12 10	13 11	14 12	15 13
10 am Baby Chavurah 10:30 am Kever Avot at Hills of Eternity Cemetary 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	5 pm High Holiday prep 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	5 pm High Holiday prep 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	No Beit Sefer 8 am High Holiday Prep 3 pm Office closed 5 pm Homeless dinner at Most Holy Redeemer 7:30 pm Yom Kippur Services -Herbst Theater	Yom Kippur Office closed 9:30 am Shacharit and Musaf 3:30 pm Mincha 4:30 pm Reading Names 5:45 pm Yizkor and Neilah	7:30 pm Shabbat Services led by Benjamin Bernard-Herman	9 am Torah Study 9:30 am Beit Sefer 10 am Shabbat Services led by Andy Fyne and Harrison Weinberg
16 14	17 15	18 16	19 17	20 18	21 19	22 20
11 am Community Sukkot Building and Brunch 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	Sukkot Office closed 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	4 pm Beit Sefer 5 pm Homeless dinner at Most Holy Redeemer 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service 6:30 pm Va'ad Meeting	6:30 pm Family Shabbat dinner 7:30 pm Shabbat Services led by Kabbalat Shabbat Ensemble and Rabbi Angel	9 am Torah Study 9:30 am Beit Sefer 10 am Shabbat Services 5:30 pm Communal Sukkot Celebration and Havdallah
23 21	24 22	25 23	26 24	27 25	28 26	29 27
12 pm Women's Chavurah Sukkot Event 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	Hoshanah Rabba 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service 7 pm Simchat Torah Celebration	Shemini Atzeret 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	Simchat Torah 4 pm Beit Sefer 5 pm Homeless dinner at Most Holy Redeemer 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service 6:30 pm Ritual Committee	7:30 pm Shabbat Services led by Rabbi Angel, Howard Steiermann and Allison Schaffer	9 am Torah Study 9:30 am Beit Sefer 10 am Shabbat Services 11 am Celebration of Learning - Holiness
30 28	31 29					
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